



# ANTARCTIC EXPRESS EXPEDITION

***Your 10-night journey includes: 7-night expedition cruise with Drake Passage & 2 days in Antarctica; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Buenos Aires (1 pre- and 1 post-cruise); included roundtrip flights between Buenos Aires and Ushuaia***

Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel on an extraordinary polar expedition cruise that will deliver you to the doorstep of the Seventh Continent. This shorter-length journey is filled with incredible experiences that few will ever claim.

Throughout your journey you'll be guided by our highly-credentialed 17-person Expedition Team. These experts in fields including biology, ornithology, geology, and more, will share their knowledge and familiarity of Antarctica with you, enhancing your discoveries. You can look forward to daily educational lectures and opportunities to come face-to-face with polar wildlife like gentoo, Adélie, and chinstrap penguins; humpback whales; and other indigenous wildlife. You'll embark Zodiac boats and make landfall with the Expedition Team, who will ensure total immersion in the history, wilderness, and unspoiled landscape of Antarctica. Because Antarctica is a special place, and there's no better way to preserve its untouched majesty than in intimate, small groups, this expedition cruise is limited to no more than 134 guests.

You'll also explore off the beaten path, thanks to the small size of our state-of-the-art, 5-star Ocean Explorer. Our ship and its amenities will keep you pampered and relaxed throughout your journey. This ice-class vessel offers gourmet dining, deluxe spa, gym, and spacious staterooms — most with private balconies — and a landmark 15 solo cabins for independent explorers.

If you're interested in extending your discoveries, you can make the most of your expedition by adding optional pre- and post-extensions to Iguassu Falls and Easter Island.

Please note: We are privileged guests in this extreme land where weather and ice dictate everything.

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As such, our daily explorations will be dictated by local conditions. Vantage Travel will endeavor to make every effort to ensure that your Antarctica cruise is as educational and fulfilling as possible, while complying with the safety rules and instructions set forth by the IAATO.

# JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

## OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



Cruise on the *Ocean Explorer*, an agile and state-of-the-art expedition vessel that can navigate to places larger ships can't

## PENGUINS



Learn about up to three different species of penguins, which have little fear of humans and often come right up to you

## WHITE CONTINENT



Spend two days exploring the Antarctic Peninsula alongside a knowledgeable Expedition Team

## ICEBERGS



Get up close to icebergs in your nimble Zodiac landing craft

## SHIPBOARD WHALE WATCHING



Scout for southern right whales, blue, sei, minke, humpbacks, and more during your expedition

## SHIPBOARD BIRDWATCHING



Keep your eyes open as you cruise the coasts of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego for a variety of pelagic birds



## EXPEDITION TEAM LECTURES



Noted experts in a variety of fields will enrich your understanding of each destination with fascinating onboard presentations

## DRAKE PASSAGE



Earn your badge of honor as you cross this legendary passage — and expeditionary rite of passage

## SOPHISTICATED BUENOS AIRES



Discover elegant architecture and the passionate tango in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 7 nights on board the *Ocean Explorer* and 2 nights at the *Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta* (or similar)
- **22 meals:** 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 8 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- **UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage experience:** Tango performance in Buenos Aires
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **5 included features**
- **The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager**, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- **A 17-person Expedition Team** of highly-credentialed experts to lead your shore excursions and conduct onboard presentations on geology, history, photography, marine biology, ornithology, and more
- **Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi**
- **All transfers and baggage handling overseas**
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



## EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Channel the spirit of explorers of the past, and chase adventure in some of the world's most remote and unspoiled locations on an expedition cruise!

- Feel the unbelievable rush of adrenaline as you step ashore Antarctica for the first time
- Venture ashore on naturalist-led expeditions by versatile Zodiac landing crafts
- Make landfall at various landing sites in the Antarctic Peninsula
- Attend lectures on marine biology, wildlife, history, and other educational topics

Plus, cruise aboard the 5-star Ocean Explorer, a vessel built specifically for expedition cruising, with the following features:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel — plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio
- Knowledge staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi (Wi-Fi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology

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## ACTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

All activities on this adventure are dependent upon weather and local conditions, and will be coordinated by your Expedition Team leaders. These will entail exploration in remote Antarctic locales, on foot and using Zodiac expedition boats. After an active day, your ship offers soothing amenities, such as an onboard spa, to help you feel refreshed. Here are some activities you may participate in:

- Travel to remote rookeries, iceberg-laden channels, and pristine beaches aboard motorized Zodiac landing craft
- Get a good workout at your ship's gym and the fitness centers of your hotels
- Hike in Antarctica
- Birders will find their life lists growing as they scan for avian species on board ship as well as during shore excursions



## NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

The soul-stirring beauty of the White Continent is a wonder that most people only ever see on nature shows.

- Marvel at stunning remote landscapes and unspoiled polar environs
  - Visit an unpolluted haven teeming with penguins, pelagic birds, and other wildlife
  - View as many as seven varieties of penguins, such as gentoo, Adélie, chinstrap, king, rockhopper, Macaroni, and Magellanic
  - Spot dolphins, whales, seals, and a variety of other wildlife while cruising
- Be on the lookout for as many as seven varieties of penguins, plus black-browed and wandering albatrosses and dozens of pelagic birds such as the southern giant petrel, blue-eyed shag (king cormorant), black crowned night heron, pied oystercatcher, snowy sheathbill, kelp gull, fulmars, and more

## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

You've traveled a long way for this journey, and photography will be key to keeping these memories alive for years to come. Here are a few tips:

- Take your time to capture an image. Think like a photographer and slow down to compose your shot.



Remember: tourists take pictures, while photographers make images

- You'll encounter some larger-than-life scenes and landmarks on this trip, which might create pressure to fit everything into one shot. Instead, focus on a distinctive feature rather than trying to incorporate everything into frame
- Use your surroundings. Instead of edging out other tourists from your photos, utilize them to enhance the scene. Try tilting the camera at your target (including tourists and the real scene in the

background or forefront) and the image is instantly more intriguing than a generic snapshot

- Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey
- Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you

In Antarctica, your Expedition Team features an expert photographer who will share top tips in onboard workshops and during your excursions. Here are a few:

- Antarctica is a harsh environment that can kill a camera quickly. A protective cover is highly recommended to stave off rain, snow, and salt water
- Invest in a waterproof camera if you can, or at least a waterproof bag. Note: Plastic protective bags are not allowed in Antarctica as there is a risk they might blow away
- Use a bean bag, tripod, or other stabilizing device to capture moving targets like birds and other wildlife
- Bring extra batteries — the cold temperatures take their toll on batteries. Bring your charger in your hand luggage, in case your checked bags get lost
- A zoom lens up to 200mm is suggested
- A wide-angle lens is ideal for capturing landscapes
- A protective filter for lens will keep water and dust away. Polarized filters darken the blue sky and cut reflections from the water
- Bring extra memory cards — just in case!



### CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Prior to your expedition cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

- Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more



- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email [Concierge@vantagetravel.com](mailto:Concierge@vantagetravel.com) to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.



### SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
  - Zodiac cruising, polar kayaking opportunities, and photography workshops
  - Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
  - Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa and gym

# USHUAIA TO BUENOS AIRES

DAY 1:	Depart home and fly overnight to Buenos Aires
DAY 2:	Welcome to Buenos Aires <i>Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar</i>
DAY 3:	Fly to Ushuaia and embark the Ocean Explorer <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAYS 4-5:	Relax on board on your way to Antarctica <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAYS 6-7:	Discovery awaits with two days in Antarctica <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAYS 8-9:	Enjoy your ship's amenities with two days at sea <i>Ocean Explorer &gt;</i>
DAY 10:	Arrive in Ushuaia and say goodbye to your ship <i>Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar</i>
DAY 11:	Return home <i>Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar</i>



**DAY 1:** Depart home and fly overnight to Buenos Aires

Your Antarctica expedition begins! Today you'll fly overnight from the U.S. to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Or, depart earlier for your pre-trip extension to Iguassu Falls.

**DAY 2:** Welcome to Buenos Aires

Welcome to Argentina! If you purchased your

airfare from Vantage, upon arrival a Vantage representative will meet you and arrange transfer to your hotel. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner and a UNESCO- listed tango performance.

**Included Feature:**

- Welcome Dinner with tango performance  
Included meals: Dinner  
*Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar*

**DAY 3:** Fly to Ushuaia and embark the Ocean Explorer

Following breakfast at your hotel this morning, you'll depart Buenos Aires and board a flight to Ushuaia, where you will embark the Ocean Explorer and settle into your sumptuous stateroom. Tonight, join your fellow guests for your first dinner on board.

Included meals: Breakfast & dinner  
*Ocean Explorer >*

## DAYS 4-5: Relax on board on your way to Antarctica

You'll have two days at sea to acquaint yourself with your luxurious vessel and all its amenities. Treat yourself to a pampering massage at the spa, get in a workout at the onboard gym, visit the well-stocked library, or pop up to the sundeck and take in the spectacular, panoramic views.

While on board, the Expedition Team will prepare you for the adventure to come by hosting presentations on history, geology, ornithology, marine biology, and more topics relevant to your expedition. Our team members have been traveling to polar regions for years, and their expertise and advice will undoubtedly enhance your journey. Not to mention, they're sure to have some epic travel stories to tell you all about!

**Onboard Enhancement:** Customize your journey when you add an optional onboard experience.

Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

### Learn more

Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer* >

## DAYS 6-7: Discovery awaits with two days in Antarctica

Prepare to witness the most unspoiled, sublime terrain on earth, with vast glacial expanses and massive electric blue icebergs the size of cities.

Each day in Antarctica, you'll board versatile Zodiac boats and venture ashore with the Expedition Team. Once on shore, they'll scope out conditions and offer guided hikes through this majestic landscape. We'll explore a diversity of landscapes, including active volcanoes, mossy

cliffs, and rocky beaches, too.

There's no doubt that we'll happen upon some penguin rookeries — most likely Adélie, gentoo, and chinstrap species. These curious and flightless birds will charm you immediately! From the shore, you may also spot killer and humpback whales, as well as crabeater, leopard, and Weddell seals, which are prosperous in these cold waters. You'll also have free time to explore on your own and take lots of photographs, using the knowledge you've gained from the Expedition Team's lectures and your conversations with them to enhance your explorations.

Back on board, the Ocean Explorer's small size grants us more flexibility in where we navigate to. You can look forward to getting up-close to icebergs, spotting whales, and other unparalleled experiences.

Please note: Remember, daily life in Antarctica is determined by the elements, and we'll adjust our landings as our adventure progresses in accordance with IAATO regulations.

### Included Features

- Shoreside landings led by the Expedition Team

### Scenic Sailing

- Each day in Antarctica includes a sailing component, and you'll be able to see more of the continent's mountainous and glacial landscape, as well as penguins or seals lounging on ice floes

**Destination Enhancement:** Customize your journey when you add an optional excursion. Make the most of your Antarctic adventure by joining the Expedition Team for an incredible polar kayaking excursion, or opt for a more



challenging small group nature hike. These are popular options, so we encourage you to reserve your spot as early as possible. Learn more  
Included Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners  
*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAYS 8-9:** Enjoy your ship's amenities with two days at sea

Heading back to Argentina, you'll enjoy more opportunities to take advantage of your ship's amenities, perhaps visiting the spa for a facial or soothing massage.

You might also take in a movie, join a fitness class, or simply curling up with a book from the library. As we get closer to South America, you might join your Expedition Team on deck for birdwatching, perhaps spotting fulmar, petrel, or even a wandering albatross, with its eleven-foot wingspan.

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*Ocean Explorer* >

**DAY 10:** Arrive in Ushuaia and say goodbye to your ship

Today you'll arrive in Ushuaia, bringing an end to the cruise portion of your exciting expedition journey. Following breakfast, you'll debark the Ocean Explorer and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Buenos Aires.

Upon arrival in Buenos Aires, you'll check in to your local hotel and have the remainder of the day at your leisure. Lunch and dinner today are

on your own.

Included meals: Breakfast

*Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar*

**DAY 11:** Return home

Check out of your Buenos Aires hotel today and transfer to the airport for your overnight return flight home. Or, continue your discoveries with an optional post-trip extension Easter Island.

*Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta Hotel or similar*

**Please note:** Ocean-cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. This itinerary is representative of the discoveries planned for the Antarctic region. Flexibility is a hallmark of our explorations, and your day-by-day cruise itinerary may change based on the weather and local conditions; as well as opportunities to take full advantage of rare wildlife sightings. Our captain and crew will ascertain the ideal locations for actual shore landings.

# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Ocean Explorer

### Quick facts

**Launch:** 2021

**Length:** 104.4 Meters

**Max Capacity:** 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

**Cabins:** 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda

The intimate *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey* are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas.

On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17-member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography.

In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the *Ocean Explorer* and *Ocean Odyssey*. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- 30 triple-ready cabins available
- Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- 134-guest capacity
- Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

#### **Amenities:**

- A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lectures, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- 20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

*Ocean Explorer Gallery*



## Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta

★★★★★

An elegant reprieve in the downtown residential district of Recoleta, the Moderate Deluxe Sofitel Buenos Aires Recoleta is located just steps from the city's exclusive commercial hub and the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. The affluent Recoleta district is home to historic neoclassical architecture that makes a perfect counterpoint to the hotel's colorful and modern flair, and the hotel boasts a health club and spa with massage services, an indoor pool, and an on-site restaurant, the Brick Kitchen.



## Bourbon Foz do Iguacu Hotel

★★★★★

This hotel is situated amid lush greenery along the road to the Iguassu Falls. After entering through the attractive lobby, you'll find such on-site amenities as two restaurants and a lounge bar, gift shop, a health club and spa, two outdoor pools, a jogging track, a beauty parlor, elevator, and laundry and dry-cleaning services. The clean, modern guest rooms are air-conditioned, and feature a minibar, safe, telephone, cable/satellite television, hair dryer, and both 110v & 220v outlets. Wi-Fi is available at an extra charge.



## InterContinental Santiago

★★★★★

Welcome to the Superior First Class InterContinental Santiago, located in the heart of the city's financial district. Savor local and international flavors at one of the hotel's various restaurants and bars, enjoy the on-site health spa and indoor pool. In addition to the nearby shopping center (the largest in Latin America!), you'll find a variety of activities only minutes away, from jogging and bike trails to golf courses and outdoor tennis courts. Room amenities include air-conditioning, minibar, safe, TV, and daily cleaning service.





## O'tai Hotel ★★★

This Moderate First Class hotel was founded in 1968 as Residencia Rosita, O'tai Hotel has grown from four to 41 rooms in its central location. Situated just feet from the center and Playa Pea, O'tai upholds the Rapa Nui culture with its warm hospitality and traditional cuisine. Upon arrival, you will be greeted with a welcome drink and handmade flower necklace. Among the amenities you can enjoy here are a swimming pool, a tranquil garden, and a small Easter Island-focused library. During your stay, take advantage of the TV lounge room, laundry service and common areas with Wi-Fi. Each room...